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## Statement on

# H.B. 5335, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF BED BUG INFESTATIONS

## SUPPORT

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The Connecticut REALTORS® (CTR) would like to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 5335, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF BED BUG INFESTATIONS.**

The proposal is designed to establish landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities regarding bed bug infestations in rental housing. Many real estate agents rent properties as well as sell them. It is in the best interest of the prospective renter and the property owner to have a safe and clean property. This bill attempts to control a problem before it reaches extreme levels as well as develop remedies when a problem is discovered that includes the tenant and the landlord working cooperatively to solve the issue.

CTR applauds the effort made by the committee to address this topic and we support the concept put forth by this legislation.

Therefore, Connecticut REALTORS® supports HB 5335. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.